



# countdown

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## STS-126 crew ends TCDT with simulated countdown



### ◆ Shuttle Update:

The STS-126 crew members finished their TCDT activities Wednesday with a simulated countdown in space shuttle Endeavour.

During the week, Commander Chris Ferguson and Pilot Eric Boe had several opportunities to practice shuttle landings at the Shuttle Landing Facility flying the Shuttle Training Aircraft. The crew returned to Houston on Wednesday.

◆ **ISS Update:** The Expedition 18 crew of the International Space Station focused Tuesday on science experiments, routine maintenance and preparations for the arrival of space shuttle Endeavour in November. Commander Mike Fincke completed activities with an experiment that studies the impacts of long-duration spaceflight on heart function and the blood vessels that supply the brain.

■ **Salvation Army's New Domestic Violence Center** — Federally Employed Women at KSC is in need of your support for the Salvation Army's **new** Domestic Violence Center opening this month. The center is in dire need of the following items: new furniture including trundle/bunk beds, chest of drawers and desks; new or very clean twin size linens, mattresses and blankets in good shape; waste cans, decorative items (hanging pictures/paintings, silk trees/plants, knick-knacks, etc.); clock radios; full-size toiletries (shampoos/conditioners, deodorant); canned/boxed food items; children toys/games; new underwear and new or like-new clothing for women and children. Used, good working-condition

computers also are appreciated.

You may deliver large items directly to the Cocoa office at 919 Peachtree Street and state it is for the Domestic Violence Center. For other items, please drop them off to one of the contacts listed below and include a note for Domestic Violence Center. If you can't make it to the office, please contact one of the representatives and they will be happy to pick up your items.

### Domestic Violence Center contacts:

- Vickie Hall, HQ/2640F, 867-9100
- Ana Contreras, HQ/3533J, 867-1442
- Sandy Eliason, LCC/4P23B, 861-9309
- Jennifer Abernathy, O&C/3040, 867-1696
- Angela Solorio, OSB/6403X, 867-3358

■ **NASA Science** — The planets are gathering for a spooky sunset sky show Oct. 31. The crescent Moon will sneak up on Venus for a close encounter of startling beauty. Read the full story at: [http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2008/28oct\\_halloweensky.htm](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2008/28oct_halloweensky.htm).

■ **Weight Watchers At Work Program** — Weight Watchers is having an Open House **today!** You can sit in on a meeting for free, ask questions and discover what Weight Watchers is all about. The meetings are held every Thursday 11:30 a.m. to noon in HQ/Room 2254. Stop by and check them out! If you have specific questions, please contact Marilyn Clark at 504-2979.

## Space station prepares for Endeavour arrival

■ **The 7 Habits Maximizer** — The 7 Habits Maximizer class is a one-day class that will help you live a more balanced and effective life. The 7 Habits Maximizer class will be held Dec. 4. Successful completion of "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" is recommended but not required. All KSC employees are eligible to attend this training. Learners must register in SATERN <https://satern.nasa.gov>. Sign up soon because space is limited!

■ **Be Careful About Costumes Friday** — The KSC Security Awareness Office asks that you keep your CCAFS or KSC badge properly displayed on Halloween costumes you might wear Friday while on center. Security also asks you to avoid costumes or dress that prevent positive identification or cause apprehension as to the wearer's intent. Keep in mind these guidelines:

- Face painting must allow for 100 percent recognition of the individual.
- Weapons (to include toys), fake bombs, etc., are not allowed. Avoid a costume so realistic as to make people wonder if you are really injured or a terrorist — or a monster!

Your cooperation is appreciated.



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